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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

The following Amendment is submitted in response to Paper No. 15, a communication from the Examiner mailed November 5, 2002.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-7 filed with the application on November 15, 2000 without prejudice.

Please cancel claims 8 - 19 filed with Paper No. 13, the Applicant's response deposited June 26, 2002, without prejudice.

Please add claims 20 - 37 as follows:

20. An L-arginine free pharmaceutical composition comprising:

a first substance comprising sodium chloride in an amount between about 1.5%

and 6.9% (w/v);

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